Stable offender populations predicted for next five years

n June 2014 the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) released updated projections of offender population growth in both the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. The LBB's June 2014 projections indicate the number of adult offenders who are incarcerated or on supervision will remain relatively stable during the next five fiscal years.

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The number of adult offenders who are incarcerated or are on parole supervision is projected to increase by less than 1 percent through fiscal year 2019, while the number of adult offenders on felony community supervision (probation) is projected to decrease by less than 1 percent. The number of misdemeanor offenders placed on community supervision is expected to decrease by slightly more than 3 percent.



The projections indicate the incarcerated population will remain at or below TDCJ's operational capacity during the next five years.

The LBB will update their projections again prior to the next legislative session which begins in January 2015. The projections are used by the state legislature while making decisions regarding appropriations and criminal justice policy.